

TWO RESIDENCES BURNED IN SPUR MONDAY NIGHT

The residences of C. F. Cates and Dr. Standifer were totally destroyed by fire Monday night. The fire originated in the Cates building and is supposed to have been from defective electric wiring.

The Cates residence was vacant at the time, Mr. Cates and family having moved a few days before to his suburban home west of Spur. All the household effects were removed from the Standifer residence.

The N. A. Baker residence adjoining the Cates place was saved by vigorous work on the part of volunteer firemen. However, Mr. Baker sustained much damage in the hurried removal of his household effects from the building.

The two houses burned were covered with insurance. A high wind was blowing at the time of the fire and it required prompt work and close attention on the part of the firefighters to prevent other buildings in that part of town from catching fire.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

What is the matter with Mexico? The same thing that is the matter with China, with Portugal, with England, and with every other country in greater or less degree.

Whenever you find uproar and revolution, strikes and general violence, you may know that it is that peculiar sort of public fever that comes from a certain kind of pus.

There are many wrong diagnoses. Statesmen and editorial writers judge the case by principles as out of date as those of the country doctors years ago, who called every disease chills and fever because they had to call it something.

One man says that the trouble in Mexico is that they do not have a capable leader, no strong man arises who is able to cope with the situation. But was not Porfirio Diaz strong enough? and what happened to him and his system?

Another explanation of the difficulty is that the Mexicans naturally are mean and contentious, that they would not be satisfied with any government.

These are two favorite solutions of public outbreak anywhere; the need of a "strong leader," and the general cussedness of the rebels. Neither of them is true.

There is but one root cause. It is justice. Nor this or that specific injustice, but injustice inground into custom, handed down from ancestors, continued for centuries. And wherever there exists ancient fraud there is moral gunpowder which some day or other is going to blow up.

There are few countries where the people have been robbed, oppressed and continued so persistently as in Mexico. Before the revolution from Spanish rule they were abject slaves. Ecclesiastic dominion took from them whatever the extortioners who ran the civil government had overlooked.

After the revolution the people

had great hopes of Democracy, but they were flim flammed neatly. The republic under Diaz was a sound mockery. The lands were parceled out to privileged owners, many of whom lived abroad and the field workers were practically slaves, living on a handful of frijole beans a day. Business was farmed out to exploiting capitalists. All the prosperity under Diaz was the prosperity of the privileged classes. Diaz was praised because he put down with merciless cruelty every effort to revolt against this more modern tyranny.

Then came Madero, full of promises, which, when he was elected, he did not keep. The old program of privilege went on. The people had jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

Now the same privileged classes howl loudly for intervention by the United States. Anything to make them secure in their profits.

It is Democracy that is seething in Mexico. Democracy means justice to the least man. The trouble will never be settled until the vast landed estates are given to the people who are rightly entitled to ground enough to live on and business shall cease to depend upon political graft; until the ballot shall be honest and not a fake; and until, by a general system of education, the children of the people are taught how to get their rights by organization and not by shooting.

There is no state that can be secure upon a basis of injustice, upon any other basis than free and intelligent people. — West News.

THE TACKY PARTY

The Tacky Party given Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by every one present. Those in attendance were dressed in the "tacky fashion" and the costumes created much amusement. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Morris and T. L. Higginbotham for having the most appropriate "tacky costumes" the prizes being a package of flower garden seed to Mrs. Morris, and a big red onion to Mr. Higginbotham.

During the evening refreshments of ginger cake, onion and lemonade were served the guests. The party was given to raise funds for the school piano, and we understand that more than fifteen dollars were the proceeds from the entertainment.

TAILORING ANNOUNCEMENT

I have bought the Spur Tailoring Company business and will continue the business at the same stand and will appreciate any and all business given. Will do the best cleaning and pressing and clothes repair work. See our spring samples of the highest grade tailor made clothes. We want and will appreciate your business.—Irven Joplin.

BUYS GIRARD HOTEL

Mrs. Gertrude Pursley, of near Jayton, was in Spur this week and spent some time here. Mrs. Pursley purchased this week the Girard Hotel property of Berry Pursley through J. M. Neely for a consideration of one thousand dollars.

SOME STORMS ARE BAD

Sometimes we feel like packing our duds and hiking to some sunny clime where flowers bloom forever and the winter time is spring. A country of which in boyhood we saw visions and one of which the poets sing. But, after all, I guess we'll stay here and remember the old adage that roses do not bloom except upon them there is a thorn to sting, and when the sandstorms have ceased how pleasant is the calm.

Well, last week we had a fine business in every line. We certainly want to thank every one who helped to make it one of the best weeks, we have ever had in Spur. We are going to strive to give you good values in merchandise and assure you we appreciate every nickle you spend with us in cash; also all the credit business you have given us. We want to build a great business in Spur and if you will continue to help us we can do so and add to our buildings and stocks. Come on with the army of customers who already realize that we are giving them the best merchandise that can be sold at the prices we make. We absolutely know our prices are right, for we buy in large quantities and selling a large volume of goods enables us to sell on a small percent of expense, and our net profits are smaller than you would believe if we were to tell you what they are.

A lady put an ad in the paper for a husband. A gentleman saw it and approached the lady thus: "I read your ad in the paper and so I turned up." "Yes, sir, I see, and you are turned down now."

Style Plus. Have you learned what Style Plus means? Lots of people are finding out. \$17 is the price the world over. We are exclusive in Style Plus. Don't fail to find out about Style Plus for men only. Ask Bennett.

We have never before had such a shoe business as we are having now. More ladies are learning of the superior style and comfort of the celebrated Queen Quality line every day.

A critic by any other name would be a knocker just the same. Love is blind, especially if the woman in the case has more dollars than sense.

By the way! We like to forget that we have a Krit touring car in stock ready for you. See the Krit and buy your new car from your home merchant. We stand behind the merchandise we sell.

Millinery has been moving like the sand for the past week. Miss Burnett has been run over with orders, but she is equal to the occasion and our millinery department is just sparkling with the most beautiful hats you ever seen. Hurry and get yours.

Every body eats Light Crust. We have even convinced the editor of the Texas Spur that Light Crust is better. More ladies are joining the army in the good bread procession each week. One sack will make you a life time member.

We want to sell you your wire and will give you the cheapest possible price. A big car coming.—Bryant-Link Co.

THE THIMBLE CLUB

Last Tuesday evening the hospitable doors of the Western Hotel were thrown wide open, and accordingly, as had been ordained, the entire membership of the "Old Maids Thimble Club" was ushered into the parlor.

Each member wore the emblem (thimble) on the middle finger of the right hand, while on the left they carried such garments as were suited to their work on this particular occasion. After the house had been called to order by the beloved president the roll was called, each member responding with the adopted secret whistle. Right at this juncture we wish to emphasize that through the discourtesy, neglect or unfriendly attitude of some of the minor members toward us, or possibly considering that we were only a common reporter, we were not given a very advantageous position with reference to catching just the exact words and signs that passed during the regular session, but the best interpretation we could make of the whistle was a cross between the Irish Pheasant and a bird now almost extinct, known to naturalists as the Melormo. Some responses were as clear and well defined as the call of the nightingale, while others portrayed to the careful listener the unmistakable "zephyr" of some "toothless one" extinguishing a candle.

Several applications have been on file for some time pending investigation. These were duly considered, pro and con, and tabled to await the actions of the committee.

After the business meeting was over some splendid music was rendered by Misses Grace, Burnett and Roberts. The male persuasion, inhabiting principally the second floor, didn't a great deal of slumbering but listened attentively to the program that only an "Old Maids Thimble Club" can render.—I. Hurdit.

DIED

The ten months old child of Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Matthews, of the Wake country, died Tuesday at the Standifer Hospital. The child was brought to the hospital Sunday and was operated upon Monday. The remains were conveyed to Wake by Dr. Morris and Geo. S. Link and interred in the Wake cemetery Wednesday.

BUYS FURNITURE BUSINESS

W. H. Stephens this week purchased the Texas Furniture Company and the business is now being conducted under his management. Mr. Stephens will move his family to Spur and will again be resident citizen and identified with the business interests of Spur.

FISHING PARTY

R. S. Holman and wife and little Miss Melva Joe, and Oran McClure and wife spent Monday fishing in the Wilson tank east of Spur. The Judge furnished plenty poles, hooks, bait and other equipments and necessities but failed to supply fishing lines and therefore our fishing progress was somewhat retarded.

MOVING TO THE SPUR COUNTRY TO STOCKFARM

J. H. McCamant and family moved this week from Arizona to the Spur country and will engage in the stock-farming business. Mr. McCamant recently bought the T. A. Smith place twelve miles southwest of Spur, the place comprising several hundred acres of land. He and family are temporarily located in Spur, but will move to the place as soon as a few improvements can be made.

Mr. McCamant formerly lived in this country in the early days, and although he has been in Arizona a number of years, he is familiar with the conditions and possibilities of this country. He intends to raise fine stock on his place, grow plenty of feed stuff and market his stock principally on four legs. Mr. McCamant has the right idea, and since there is no better stock-farming country in America than the Spur country, we are confident that he will be successful and prosper beyond his expectations.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. McCamant and family among the citizenship of this section.

TO COUNT UNCLE SAM'S MONEY AT WASHINGTON

Washington, March 23.—The greatest count of money and securities in the history of the world will begin at the Treasury Department on April 1 when John Burke, former governor of North Dakota, takes the oath of office as treasurer of the United States, succeeding Carmi A. Thompson.

To safeguard the nation's wealth, Uncle Sam requires that the retiring treasurer's record of the transfer of funds be verified by a count of the notes, coins and securities in the treasury. Secretary McAdoo will appoint a committee to take charge of the vaults and each vault and safe will be sealed on April 1 in preparation for the count. Only enough money to keep the wheels of government revolving will be laid aside for daily use while the counting is in progress. It generally requires from two to four months to make the count.

A government mathematician has figured out that it would take one person 300 years to verify Mr. Thompson's records. Ordinarily, every note, bond and other security is counted. Unless a shortage or error is discovered, the gold and silver, stored in bags containing \$1,000 each, usually is weighed, a test bag being balanced against all others for verification. Armed guards stand over the counters and workmen to protect them from interference.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Gilpin, were in Spur Tuesday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Bennett is one of the most appreciated contributors to the columns of the Texas Spur.

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter Will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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NEW EVIDENCE MADERO MURDER

Frank Dart, photographer for the Universal Film Manufacturing Co., of New York, claims to have secured pictures in Mexico City the morning after the killing of Madero, which will prove that Madero and Suarez were stood up against the prison walls and shot during a fight with a rescue party.

A trade journal published in New York says the pictures are ordered by government authorities to be held back from public exhibition, pending a searching investigation.—Ex.

A fine boy was born Thursday to Mr. and W. G. Broyles at their home in Spur. The Texas Spur congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Broyles and wishes for the new arrival a most successful stage in life.

M. C. West, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday trading. Mr. West reports that the recent rains placed his section of the country in fine shape for planting.

Frank Smith, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and reported his section in fine shape. As stated in last week's issue of the Texas Spur, Mrs. Smith died a few days ago after a lingering illness and the remains were interred in the Jayton Cemetery. The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Smith.

H. A. Mullenix, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Mullenix is an all-round newspaper man and for some time had charge of the publication of the Dickens Item.

I have opened a first-class curb stone, walking real estate office in the city of Spur. I have some real bargains in 160 acre tracts up to 3,000 acre tracts. See me if you want to buy or sell land.—W. A. North. 18-4t

I. D. Gamble, a prominent citizen of Floydada, was in Spur Saturday on business.

FROM DICKENS ITEM

A light hail was had Thursday morning.

Mrs. A. Stiffler went to Spur this week.

Rev. A. P. Stokes went to Spur Wednesday.

R. L. Collier, of Spur, was in Dickens today.

H. T. Burgoon was in the city from Spur this week.

Postmaster J. H. Reynolds transacted business at Spur Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell and Miss Edna Shields went to Spur Wednesday.

Dennis, Roy and Sam Harkey attended the show at Spur Wednesday night and report a good time.

While in session last week the Commissioner's Court paid a bounty on 2 wildcats, 2 lobo wolves and 29 coyotes.

Miss Dora Odeneal and Mrs. Luther Rucker visited relatives at Spur Wednesday. They transacted business while here.

A dinner was given Tuesday at the W. W. Waldrup home in honor of T. G. Harkey, of Spur. Those present were Mrs. W. G. Crego and small son, Mrs. Viola Flowers, Sam Harkey T. G. Harkey, and small daughter.

The following young people enjoyed Sunday after noon at Crow Springs near Dickens: Miss Creola Richburg Jessie Fletcher, Miss Ella Price, John Ham, Sweet Sampson, Paul Draper, Miss Grace Chumbley and Miss Floy Bell Clair. All reported a nice time.

L. W. Davis was a business visitor to Dickens Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairns Thursday at the Spur Inn a boy. We congratulate Mr. Cairns in becoming a father and trust that the air castles he is now building with reference as to what his son's accomplishments in life may be may all be realized.

George Rodgers, of near Clairemont, was in Spur Saturday and purchased farming tools with which to cultivate his crop this year. Mr. Rodgers reports the Clairemont country in the best of shape with respect to ideal crop prospects.

Louis McCarty, a prosperous farmer and good citizen of the Afton country, passed through Spur Saturday en route to Jayton where he spent some time on business.

Dr. Blackwell, a prominent physician of Dickens, was in the city last week on business and spent some time here.

Highest cash price paid for chickens and eggs. Phone 91.—J. C. Hindman. 18 4tp

THOUGHT.

Thought is the father of all prosperity, happiness and progress. Thought finds new and better ways for doing things whether big or little. It pays to think hard upon one's business—how it may be improved: how it may be made to yield the introduction of time saving methods and the practice of system: how new leads may be best met: how public confidence may be won and held—for thought is the chief asset of the worker in any line whether farming, day labor or conducting any industrial or financial institution.—Ex.

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, passed through Spur Saturday en route home from El Paso where he spent several days in attendance at the Cattlemens Convention which convened in El Paso last week.

H. T. Garner, of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading.

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THE WINE CUP

Or in West Texas parlance the express is a warrior whom no victory can satisfy, no ruin satiate. It pauses at no rubicon to consider as did Caesar; halts not at the burning sands as did the phalanx of Alexander; pitches no tents at night-fall; goes into no winter quarters. It conquers amid the snow drifts of the North, where the great army of Napoleon found its winding sheet. Its monuments are in every burial ground. Its badges of triumph are the weeds that the mourners wear; the sorrow of the widow, the cry of the orphan are the songs of its victory. It never buries the hatchet; its temple of Janus never closes its doors. No dove of peace ever carries its message; its blood stained flag of truce receives none. Its wounded are left where they fall and its dead bury their dead. Every citadel that it storms it devastates, and in every charge of battle that it makes its battle cry is, "No Quarter."

Those who die before its onslaught go down to dishonored graves, to which love can bring no willing tribute of flowers and over which pride can erect no enduring monument. To prisoners it grants no exchange, holds them to no ransom, but clutches them in a captivity that is worse than death and ends only at the grave.

The sword is mighty and its bloody traces reach across time. From the gray dawn of history to the present moment it has ever been unsheathed; never has it been laid to rest; never has its blade ceased to drip with innocent blood, and yet it is not so mighty as its brother. Castor and Pholinx never fought together in more fraternal harmony; David and Jonathan never joined in more generous rivalry; Pythias and Damon were bound together by no closer ties. Hand in hand they have come down the midst of centuries, and, like the vulture and the shadow, have met on every field of carnage

and feasted together.

These are a pair of mighty giants, but the mightiest of them is the wine cup. The sword has a scabbard and is sheathed; has a conscience and becomes glutted with havoc; has pity and gives quarter to the vanquished. The wine cup has no scabbard nor conscience. Its appetite is a cancer which grows as you feed it. To pity it is deaf; to suffering it is blind. The sword is the lieutenant of death, and the wine cup the captain, and when arm in arm they come home bringing their trophies of spoil and lay them at the feet of their master, Death. Methinks I can see him meeting them with garland and song as Judea met Saul and David, and as he numbers the victims his song will be: "The sword is my Saul and has slain his thousands, but the wine cup is my David and has slain his tens of thousands."—Contributed.

The Farmers of the United States increased the cotton production of 1911 four million bales over the previous year and lost \$88,000,000 by their energetic efforts, according to a recent statement made by President Peter Radford of the Farmers Union. Mr. Radford highly commends the State and Federal Department of Agriculture and other agencies that are seeking to help the farmer by offering prizes for increased production but is, himself, of the opinion that the time and money of these friendly organizations could be used to better advantage by bettering the marketing conditions. Sixty per cent of the Texas cotton crop is sold on a glutted market at a heavy loss to the farmers of the state and Mr. Radford's remedy for this evil is the holding plan outlined by the association which he represents.

The Federal Department of Commerce and Labor estimates the world's consumption of cotton at 18,250,000 bales per annum. The United States produces two-thirds of this amount, 12,550,000 bales, and according to general average, the Texas allotment of the world's cotton production is 16 per cent, or approximately 3,000,000 bales. According to Mr. Radford, when production exceeds these figures, the surplus becomes a menace to every cotton farmer in the South and if the Department of Agriculture and other friendly agencies wish to help the Texas farmer they should concentrate their efforts not upon increasing the yield but in co-operating in marketing the product.

In speaking on this subject Mr. Radford said, "The cotton mills of the world consume about

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the same number of bales per month, yet instead of giving the mills a steady supply, we marketed our cotton in Texas on such a basis that in the month of October 1,000,000 bales were sold while in December but 150,000 were marketed."

Judge A. J. McClain while in the city Saturday from his place on Cat Fish, stated that he had already planted maize and other feed on his place and that he expected to make a bumper crop this year. There may be those here who think this a little early for planting, but the Judge has been here farming and ranching during the past twenty years and he has had plenty of time and opportunity to learn by experience.

Mace Hunter, an extensive farmer of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city last week trading with the merchants and on other business. Mr. Hunter reports his section of the country in the best of shape since the recent rains. The reports from all sections of the Spur country are to the effect that the whole county is holding out the most promising prospects for a bumper crop this year.

T. E. Rucker was in Spur Monday from the Afton country and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and contributed another dollar to our subscription funds. Mr. Rucker is making preparations to move to Roaring Springs when that town is opened to the public.

B. N. Brown, general manager of the 24 Ranch, was in Spur recently on business. Mr. Brown reports that the recent rains were of great value to the cattlemen of his section in that an early growth of spring grass is now assured.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot were in the city Saturday from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home eight or ten miles southwest of Spur.

Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, was in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and looking after business matters.

A. A. Marshall, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Willis Smith, of Tap, came in Saturday and spent several hours in the city on business and trading with the merchants.

A. O. Labeff, shoe-maker of Jayton, was in Spur this week on business and spent some time here.

E. A. Whorton, a prominent citizen and business man of Rotan, was in Spur Saturday on business.

W. B. Rodgers was in Spur Monday from his Kent county ranch and spent several hours here.

J. E. Wright, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday trading with the merchants. He reports everything in his section of the country in the very finest shape with respect to crop prospects. Similar reports come from every section of Western Texas at this time and the prospects are now that Western Texas will produce a record breaking crop this year.

Y. C. Carpeter, a prominent citizen of Dumont was in Spur Tuesday of this week and spent the day trading and on other business matters. Mr. Carpenter says that none of the farmers of his section have yet planted any crops, but everything is most promising at this time.

H. T. Garner, of near Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office Monday and made us feel good by leaving a dollar for another year's subscription to the paper. Mr. Garner was formerly County Commissioner of this precinct and is one of our very best citizens.

S. E. Sparks, was in the city Tuesday and reported the birth of a girl baby in his home. The young Miss is now two weeks old and no doubt has become most entertaining.

If its life insurance you want, let me show you my policy, and there will be no occasion for you to spend your money with others.—W. A. North. 18-4t.

Duke Henson returned this week from the Tongue River country where he spent several days with George Chumley and family.

R. L. Roberts returned Monday from Roaring Springs where he had been several days looking after his business interest.

Sebe Lambert was in the city Tuesday from the Tap country and says everything is in fine shape at this time.

S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was among the many visitors to Spur the latter part of last week.

Captain J. A. Lambdin, of Stamford, accompanied by Mr. Sanger of Waco, was in Spur Saturday between trains.

W. B. Griffin and Leman Dunn left this week for Montana where they will spend some time prospecting.

Mrs. Joe Jay, of Jayton, is now in the Standifer Hospital recovering from a recent operation.

Rev. Seaman was in Spur this week to fill his appointments for the Episcopal congregation.

Mrs. Bell Martin, of the Tap country, was shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mat Howell, of near Spur to the west, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following names for city offices, subject to the will of the voters at the election to be held April 1st, to elect one mayor and two commissioners to serve two years in the city of Spur:

For Mayor:

A. T. Odeneal.

For Commissioner:

E. C. Edmonds.

P. H. Miller.

N. B. Fuquay was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Fuquay reports everything in fine shape in the Red Mud country.

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Entires in the \$10,000 crop contest of the Texas Industrial Congress will not be accepted after April 1 and those who desire to compete for the prizes offered should send in their applications immediately.

Over 3,000 contestants from 180 counties have been enrolled to date. Ellis county has the largest number of entires, there being 217 contestants. This is due largely to the active interest of the county school Superintendent E. G. Grafton; who has visited a number of the schools within the past two weeks and spoken upon the great value of the work the Congress is doing.

Jack county ranks second with 145 entries; Van Zandt county is third, having 97 contestants and Grayson county, with 81 is fourth.

The Congress has recently issued bulletins on fertilizer and their use, seed selections, soil preparation, etc., all of which are sent to contestants free of charge.

Full particulars and application blanks for entering the contest may be obtained by writing to the Congress at Dallas before April 1, or making application to Jeff D. Reagan at the Spur Commercial Club rooms, who has a supply of application blanks and will be glad to lend any assistance whatever to those desiring to enter the contest.

I have high bred White Orpington, White Wyandotte, Barred Rock and Rhode Island Red Hens. Will sell a few settings locally for 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.—F. F. Mace, Spur, Texas. 14tf



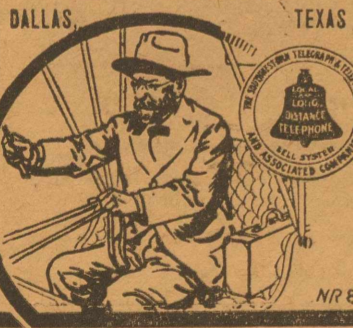
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Canvas.....	5c	Black, Blue and Pink Elastic.....	10c
15c Gingham, fancy and solid colors.....	10c	San Silk, 6 for.....	25c
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A. C. A. Feather Tick.....	15c	Mens Black Seamless Hose.....	10c
Best Mattress Tick.....	10c	Mens Tan Seamless Hose.....	10c
10c Bleached Domestic, yd. wide.....	7 1-2c	Boys and Girls Ribbed Hose.....	10c
12 1-2c Bleached Domestic, yd. wide.....	10c	Clarks O. N. T. Thread, 6 for.....	25c
Best Unbleached Domestic.....	7 1-2c	10c Patterns, 3 for.....	25c
Large Turkish Towels, pair.....	25c		

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C. C. Tyler, Manager

FARMERS OPTIMISTIC

Washington, D. C., March 25—Present indications are that the Texas cotton crop will come within the estimate of 4,850,000 bales which was made earlier in the season. Four million five hundred thousand bales of this year's crop had been ginned, up to January 16th, and if last year's crop bears any relation to the one of this year there still remains something like 200,000 bales in the field, as only 98 per cent. of the 1912 crop was ginned prior to the same date of that year. The production for the United States is estimated at 13-400,000 bales which is a million bales less than the previous year.

Everything seems to be in the Texas cotton farmer's favor this year as the crop of both the United States and the entire world is considerably smaller than the previous year, while the Texas crop is larger. Farmers in many sections of the state, too, have taken advantage of the cheap money offered by various Texas bankers which enables them to secure a better price for their product.

Joe L. Jay, a prominent citizen and banker of Jayton, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business.

TWENTY YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC ROAD BUILDING

Boston, Mass., March, 25.—The present year marks the 20th anniversary of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Much of the progress that has been made in the application of scientific principles to the construction of improved roads has been due to the work of this commission. From the very beginning Massachusetts has handled its road building in a systematic manner. In 1892 a commission was appointed to consider what legislation was necessary for the better construction and maintenance of the highways of this State. In June of the following years the legislative act for the formation of the Massachusetts Highway Commission was approved. From the outset the Commission recognized the important principle that, it is impossible to find a suitable material and method of construction that are applicable to all conditions. As a consequence the State work was started by building 70 pieces of road way, each about a mile long. These sections were so placed in different parts of the commonwealth that, while in time they would form links in a system of State roads, they served as tests of the suitability of material and methods to meet the peculiar needs of each locality.

Beginning its work at a time when many engineers still followed the principles laid down by Macadam, and when the changes wrought by the introduction of the steam road roller and the rock crusher were just commencing to be recognized, the Commission had its own trail to blaze. That it has done it with success, is attested by the superior class of highways of which the old Bay State is proud.

TO VOTERS

Spur, Texas, March 24.—In presenting my name for Mayor of Spur with the names of E. C. Edmonds and P. H. Miller for Commissioners I did not wish to exclude any one else from the field. I only wanted these men as associates if I was elected. The people of Spur are well acquainted with them both and know them to be good and safe men and will make good officers. As to myself, I will make this kind of a promise: I do not design to make any changes in the management of public affairs, but to push forward the work already begun, and, above all, to help to make Spur the best, the cleanest and most progressive town in the West or State. Of course I know no one man can do this alone and to this end I will give my best effort if the people elect me to this office, and I am sure the gentlemen mentioned above will do the same. I have no motive but the good of others in seeking this place.—A. T. Odeneal.

Hodges Haile was in Spur Tuesday from the Afton country and spent several hours here on business. He reports everything in good shape in the Afton country.

HINTS TO BUSINESS BUILDERS

The man who pleases only himself must furnish all the applause.

The citizen who keeps hammering away isn't necessarily a knocker.

The town which we are not ashamed to call home is worth boosting.

A little spice now and then is good for a town as well as for an individual.

The country fair is one attraction that no live town can afford to overlook.

If you would ride on the prosperity band wagon you should help pay for the axle grease.

"Selfishness is the curse of the world" is as true when applied to a community as to an individual.

Jim Hill was right when he said: "Land without population is a wilderness, and population without land is a mob."

Education is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but a cabbage with a college education.

Next to the local paper, the genial drummer is in a position to make or mar a town. Always extend the glad hand to the "Knights of the Grip."—Commercial Secretaries

See me for land loans. No attorney nor inspection fees.—E. C. Edmonds. 14-tf.

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Shop located next door south of Kellar's saddle shop. Your work solicited and, will be appreciated.

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DOORS, PAINT,**

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SPUR'S DEEP WELL

The well being drilled at Spur, in Dickens county, was 4045 feet deep last Thursday. Neither water, gas nor oil have been encountered during the drilling of this hole, which is largely through solid rock. Work on this project has been in progress three years. About ten feet of hole are being made daily. The Swensons are having the well drilled, which at this time is the deepest in Texas and probably in the United States. A well drilled by the Producers Oil Co., on the Halsell farm 6 1-2 miles northwest of Henrietta, Texas, is 3895 feet deep but got no oil.—Quannah Observer.

W. P. Sampson, a prosperous farmer of the Gilpin community, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here.

B. D. Glasgow returned Saturday from Denton and other points in Eastern Texas where he spent several days on business.

W. P. T. Smith and wife of the Tap country, were in Spur last week and spent several hours here shopping.

Money to loan on farms and ranches, do my own inspecting, no delays.—L. W. Davis.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, of near Spur, was shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. G. A. Pursley, who has been prospecting in the Spur country with the view of investing in the Spur Farm Lands, returned Saturday to her ranch home in Kent county. It is very probable that Mrs. Pursley will purchase land here, which will be used for grazing purposes.

J. P. Gibson came in Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and spent several hours in Spur trading with the Spur merchants and on other business. Mr. Gibson is one of the most prosperous farmers of the Spur country.

J. R. McArthur, one of the most prominent citizens of the Tap country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here greeting his friends and attending to business affairs.

Mr. Wilson, a prominent citizen of Lockney, was in Spur last week and spent several days here visiting his son, Walter Wilson.

A. C. Lewis, who was confined to his room several days of last week of lagrippe, is again able to be at the shop.

Lee Payne, of Dickens, was in Spur last week and spent several hours in the city.

See me for land loans. No attorney nor inspection fees.—E. C. Edmonds. 14-1f.

COUNTY JUDGE AT ABILENE SUSPENDED

Abilene, Texas, March 19.—District Judge Blanton this afternoon issued an order suspending from office County Judge T. A. Bledsoe. Judge Bledsoe is president of the County Judges' Association of Texas and has been county judge of Taylor county for several terms.

The suspension resulted from a petition of citizens charging misconduct on Bledsoe's part.

George S. Anderson of the Abilene Reporter was appointed to serve in Bledsoe's place.

K. H. Kennedy, of Dickens, was among those attending the Cattlemens Convention at El Paso last week and returning home Saturday.

UNFAIR TO THE DRUGGIST

The Old Joke "Something Just as Good," Doesn't Apply to This Drug Store.

You have probably heard dozens of times the old story that a drug store was a place to "get something just as good." There is at least one druggist in the world that you can't say this about.

It is certain that an inferior article will never be substituted for a guarantee one by The Red Front Drug Store. Take for instance a safe, reliable remedy for constipation and liver trouble like Dodson's Liver Tone. This harmless vegetable liquid has proved so satisfactory a liver stimulant and reliver of biliousness, and to entirely take the place of calomel without any danger or restriction of habits or diet, that there are dozens of preparations springing up with imitations of its claims.

But Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed to do all that is claimed for it, and if you are not satisfied with it, The Red Front will hand your money back with a smile. Any person going to this store for a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will be sure of getting a large bottle of this genuine remedy in exchange for his half dollar.

J. A. Blair, a leading citizen of the Girard country, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies of the merchants. Mr. Blair reports the Girard country in the best of shape since the recent rains and stated that the farmers of that section were optimistic over the flattering prospects for another good crop year.

J. N. Zumwalt, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer and ranchman, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours in the city on business.

L. M. Jones, and wife, who attended the Cattlemens Convention at El Paso last week, returned Saturday to their home.

Dress making—price reasonable, at home northeast Spur, your sewing appreciated.—Etta Fite. 11f

Sheriff Conner and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday trading and also visiting relatives in the city.

W. A. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business.

J. M. Rodgers, of near Clairemont, was in Spur Saturday and purchased supplies of the Spur merchants.

Tom McArthur, of the Tap country, was among the many who did business in Spur Saturday.

Always Open For Business

People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

**IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!
IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, SAY SO!**

Our customers all know that when they have a legitimate business proposition they can put it up to us any day in the year, if you are not a customer, come around and let us show you why it would be to your advantage to become one.

The Spur National Bank

Capital, 100,000.00

R. V. COLBERT, President,
C. A. JONES, Vice-President

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
M. E. MANNING, Asst. Cashier

W. H. Morris, editor and publisher of the Jayton Herald, came up Sunday from Jayton on the train and left Spur overland for Ralls where he will spend a few days visiting his son, W. T. Morris and family. Mr. Morris reported the Jayton country in the best of shape with respect to ideal crop prospects.

J. Carlisle, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here. Mr. Carlisle reports his section of the country in good shape and that the farmers are now preparing their land for planting.

J. D. Martin, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

Uncle John Peugh returned Saturday from El Paso where he had gone to attend the Cattlemens Convention.

CONGRESS EXTRA SESSION

Monday President Wilson issued the formal proclamation convening congress in extra session at noon on April 7th.

The President's pronouncement followed form closely. It stated merely that, "Whereas Public interests require," congress should be convened in extra session by order of the executive.

Sheriff J. B. Conner and wife passed through Spur Saturday on their return to their home at Dickens from El Paso where they had gone to attend the Cattlemens Convention in session in that city last week. They report a most pleasant trip.

J. D. Reagan was at Dickens Saturday on business, spending several hours in the county capital.

S. Ellis and wife, of near Watson, were in Spur Saturday trading.

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Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Star Leader and Samson Windmills Buggies, Wagons and Implements, Pipe and Pipe Fittings

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

T. A. CORBETT

Pianos and Player Pianos

Will Trade Piano for Well Located Lot In Spur

See Me. Will Be In Spur At Intervals Each Month

. KING ZOLA .

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That King Zola, 50765, has been duly registered as standard under Rule 1, in Volume XIX of the American Trotting Register, and the pedigree can there be traced in the following form: 50765, King Zola, (1) b. h., foaled 1909; by Zola, 36170; dam Dorina, by Jim Long, 7746, grandam Dorine, by Idol Wilkes, 512, etc. Bred by Lomo Alto Farm, Dallas, Texas. Passed to J. B. Farrar, Palmer, Texas. King Zola is about 16 1-2 hands high, weighs 1200 lbs., dark bay. Will stand the season on the John Day farm, ten miles west of Spur. Pasturage furnished for mares.

P. L. MADDOX, SPUR, TEXAS

Come to

P. H. Miller's

For Lumber and Coal

Paint Posts, Lime
Cement and Brick

We are informed that Billy Martens, the boot maker, is now at Dickens with B. A. Grego. Billy, the boot maker, was formerly in Spur and conducted a shop here several months. He is one of the most noted boot makers of the country and we are glad to learn that he is again in the country.

We sell silk lined guaranteed suits for less than the cheaper built clothes.—Edwards-Hogan Co.

L. A. and J. C. Hindman motored out to the Wilson tank Tuesday and joined the crowd fishing that day.

Fortune's Ladder!

THERE ARE THREE Very important steps on the ladder that leads on to Fortune. Here they are: First—"Work." Second—"Save." Third—"Invest." Work—because its the way to get the money. Save—because if you do not, there is nothing in sight but to work until you are worn out. Invest—the savings prudently so that they may work for you. Master these three steps and you are well started up the ladder. A good bank will help you at every step. We offer our services.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Spur, Texas

W. D. Blair, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city this week and reports everything in good shape.

J. P. Gibson was in the city Wednesday from the Steel Hill community and spent several hours here.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris spent several days of this week out of the city visiting friends.

We are the guys that put the walk in Walk Over Shoes.—Edwards-Hogan Co.

Prof. Hale, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

Beginning Monday, March 31 And Ending Saturday, April 5

\$1.25 GUARANTEED SHIRTS FOR \$.95!

OUR ENTIRE LINE Of mens \$1.25 Shirts go at 95 cents for one week only. All other shirts go at 10 per cent discount for the same length of time. Soft shirts, laundered shirts, in any style. This space has a list of new bargains each week. : : : : : : :

ALL GOOD STYLES AND NEW STOCK!

Sol Davis
THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

To be a Christian be witty, be wise: Wake up. Open both your eyes. Your Sunday School re-new And see how much good you can do.

Oh let it not die and fade away! But take heed and look about you, I pray; For time is precious. What can we do? My cry is: "Our Sunday School re-new."

Yes, the moments have gone, one by one— And just think what little good we've done! But let this no longer exist; our parts we must do.

Let us on Sunday our Sunday School re-new.

Rev. Norris preached an excellent sermon here Sunday. Those who were not present certainly missed a great deal. So come next Sunday.

Messrs. W. H. and M. C. Cartwright spent several hours in Spur Saturday on business.

Mrs. Bob English was a guest of W. F. Markham and family Sunday.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer spent several hours in Spur Saturday visiting friends

An Easter party was enjoyed by the young folk Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Teague and wife. A large crowd was present and all report a delightful time.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry and Mrs. Tom Cherry and children spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives south of Spur.

Marvin Brown has purchased another new buggy and also another pony. Look out!

There was a crowd of forty-one present Sunday at the home of Robt. T. Dopson and wife. No, they were not all young folk nor all old folk, but all report a splendid time.

Ed and Frank Brown, of Spur, are getting to be frequent visitors in this part of the country. Wonder why?

There will be preaching at the school house Sunday.

H. C. Allen, wife and little child were in Spur Tuesday trading.

Miss Irene Leach spent Monday and Tuesday with Ike York and family, of near Spur.

Aunt Mary Brown has been suffering the past few days of a sore foot.

Dee Hairgrove and mother were in Spur Tuesday trading.

Miss Jewell Hardin, daughter of Rev. Buck Hardin formerly of near here but now of Post City, underwent an operation last week for appendicitis and is now reported recovering rapidly.

W. F. Markham spent several hours in Spur Tuesday trading.—Maiden Vine.

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!

For sale—Pole wood, cord wood or stove wood, 5 miles southeast of Spur. Sold on the ground or delivered in Spur.—R. L. Jones Rt. 1, Spur. 20-2t-p.

Bun McCombs has resigned his position with the Kellar saddle shop and contemplates going to Roaring Springs when the town opens to the public.

R. L. Collier, dealer in livestock, Milk cows and Poland China hogs a specialty. See me when you want to buy or sell. 12

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

One of L. L. Arnold's children is reported to be quite sick of pneumonia.

Rev. W. B. Bennett and wife made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. F. W. West and children were shopping in Spur Tuesday.

The infant daughter of P. E. Hagins and wife is quite sick.

Rev. Keene, of Jayton, filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Rev. Vincent Bilberry preached here Thursday night.

Grandpa and Grandma Butts were the guests of L. W. Bilberry and family Sunday.

D. D. Hagins and wife visited relatives in Kent county last week.

Cecil Bennett and Willie Hagins attended the egg rolling at the Girard school house Sunday.

Miss Mae Wasson was hostess to her pupils Friday afternoon. The children recited pieces, sang songs, rolled eggs and in all enjoyed themselves very much.

A light snow and rain fell here Tuesday night and Wednesday.—A Farmer.

I have a nice body of shinnery land that I have recently had surveyed in tracts of eighty acres each; this is as good land as there is in the "shinnery" belt of this country. Some of it is in cultivation and some raw. I am in a position to make attractive offers to sell or trade at reasonable prices. If you want a home, where you can pay your self the rent and grow as good crops as can be grown in this country, come to my office over the Spur National Bank, and I will quote you prices and terms, and prove to you that you can own a good farm as cheap as you can pay rent. I will trade this land for anything you have and take it at its value and give you good prices on the land, come and see.—Oscar Jackson. 20-2t

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Munday, are in the city visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell. Their residence and contents in Munday were recently destroyed by fire and as a result Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are now temporarily homeless.

J. R. Laine and wife were among those fishing in Wilson tank this week. They report having caught a number of fish.

Shirts, Shirts, Shirts, silk lined shirts, at a bargain.—Edwards-Hogan Co.

J. D. Cake, a prominent citizen of Kent county, was in Spur this week.

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CHEAP GROCERIES!

WE SELL THEM FOR CASH!

100 lbs Standard Granulated Sugar	\$5.25
25 lb sack sugar	\$1.35
Potatoes, 100 lb sack	\$1.75
Pink Salmon, can	10c
String Beans, doz. cans	\$1.00
Bell of Wichita Flour	\$3.10
Baker Boy Flour	\$3.00
Winner Flour	\$2.90
Blue Ribbon Flour	82.80

...SEE OUR...

5, 10 And 25c

COUNTER FOR CHEAP GOODS

Al Sullivan was in the city Tuesday from his home several miles southeast of Spur and reports everything in good shape but says the farmers of his section are not yet ready to plant crops. Al says he has been here too long to plant crops at this early time.

I will be in Spur Saturdays only to buy your produce.—J. C. Hindmand, at garage.

New shirts, lots of 'em at Edwards-Hogan Co.

I am going to Randolph's and have my picture made



Come on and have your picture made and get that enlarged picture free while you have an opportunity as we are going to Jayton the first of next month for a short stay. Come and ask about the enlarged picture—its free. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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All parties who know themselves indebted to us will be expected to arrange settlement with us at once.
Respectfully,

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